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## **VIDOR MAN CHARGED WITH ARMED BANK ROBBERY**

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced that a 44-year-old Vidor man was indicted today for armed bank robbery in the Eastern District of Texas. **ANDRE DAVID LEFFEBRE** has been charged with the 2004 robbery of the Bank One in Beaumont.

U.S. Attorney Orwig credited the public's assistance with solving this case, "Our streets are significantly safer when responsible citizens police our neighborhoods."

According to information from prosecutors, on September 1, 2004, the Bank One at Parkdale Mall was robbed of over \$60,000 in cash and checks by two masked men wearing hardhats and brandishing pistols. Surveillance film of the robbery was shown widely by local television stations following the robbery and alert citizens contacted authorities and identified the alleged suspects.

Shortly after the robbery, Leffebvre was arrested by state troopers in Chambers County and found to be in possession of a firearm, believed to have been used in the bank robbery. Leffebvre was later indicted by a federal grand jury in Houston for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was then convicted and sentenced to almost 25 years in federal prison. The other alleged suspect in the bank robbery died of a drug overdose shortly after the robbery.

If convicted, Leffebvre faces up to 25 years in federal prison for the bank robbery, an additional five years for the firearms charge, and a fine of up to \$250,000. It is important to note

that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Beaumont Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Rawls.

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